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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Piper Fraser MacDonald braves the cold on Head Lake to open the second weekend of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships on Feb. 1. See page 12 for story.

Pinestone resorts to foreign labour

By **Matthew Desrosiers**

Rumours have circulated over the last several months about foreign employees working at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre.

According to a source, 10 Mexican employees were brought in to work at the resort over the summer, with five staying on into the fall.

Mario Chavez, general manager of the Pinestone, said the resort's owners, Vrancor Hotels Group, originally approved 10 workers but five were transferred to another resort. The five remaining were student interns from Mexico, brought over as part of their university hospitality programs. The internships are part of a partnership between the Canadian and Mexican governments, he said.

"They came here for an internship for a period of four to six months to gain international exposure," said Chavez. "They go back to their country with a lot more solid experience."

The interns are in the final year of their program. According to Chavez, they come to Canada to learn all aspects of hospitality, including front desk and housekeeping.

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Minden Hills holds tax rise to 1.7 per cent

By Mark Arike

It looks like the tax levy for Minden Hills will increase by three per cent for 2013, and as a result, most property owners in Minden Hills will see a 1.7 per cent increase in their tax bills.

After lengthy discussion at a Jan. 31 meeting, councillors defeated a recommendation from the finance advisory committee, which suggested council limit the 2013 tax levy increase to 2.31 per cent. The recommendation included a 1.31 increase in growth and a one per cent inflationary increase on existing properties.

"Council needs to be reassured that we can do that within the budget parameters without cutting anything off at the knees," said Reeve Barb Reid.

Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard explained that staff had been asked to find ways to reduce an original budget increase of 3.56 per cent to three per cent.

"Initially, it was looking at \$30,000 for tipping fees, \$20,000 for the library loan... at that point in time, community services felt they had \$17,000 they could offer," said Blanchard.

The 2013 draft budget, which was presented to council at a Jan. 15 meeting, included a 3.56 per cent increase or \$201,270.

"There were some initial recommendations on the 15th around lowering the loan for the library and increasing tipping fees," she said.

Blanchard said adjustments were made in the community services and parks department.

"Ivan [Ingram] reviewed the tipping fees and made some

adjustments, which came after this report... He does have \$50,000 in his budget in a transfer to reserves, so if things fall off the rails you could always ask for that if tipping fees aren't coming in where they should be."

Blanchard said she was concerned with the sale of equipment in the community services budget.

"The only one [adjustment] I have a concern with would be the sale of capital. Not to say we won't get that money this year, but it's the impact next year because if you don't have equipment to sell next year, you've created a hole that you have to climb out of."

The report from Blanchard highlighted ways the township could achieve the 2.31 per cent increase, including an \$8,000 reduction for expenses at the Cultural Centre and a \$10,000 reduction for utilities at the S.G. Nesbitt arena.

Councillor Lisa Schell was opposed to the possibility of using reserve money.

"I have an issue with the possibility of losing \$50,000 that might go into reserves for property management as far as the [Scotch Line] landfill goes because we've been talking about... having a weigh scale up there," she said. "I don't want to see us going backwards just to save that tiny little bit. I think we would find revenue if we had a weigh scale."

Councillor Ken Redpath was adamant about being prudent with taxpayers' dollars.

"We don't want to collect more tax dollars than we really need," he said. "It's important that we respect taxpayers' money, and we make sure we don't collect more money than what we really need to run the municipality."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch reminded council that

reserves are there to be replenished.

"I made the comment at county [council] that yes, it's nice to put that magic number out there that's fairly low, that the taxpayer is going to like. But if you continue to deplete your reserves, somewhere along the way you're going to be hitting the taxpayer next year, the year after..." she said, adding that the township would be taking a step backward if services were slashed.

"I think we've heard from Lorie that there aren't any service cuts," said Reid. "There's an increase in tipping fee revenue, there's amortizing the library repayment by two years, and then there's some fine-tuning in the community services department that doesn't involve the cutting of service."

Councillor Larry Clarke told his colleagues to be mindful of long-term planning that will require a financial commitment.

"I'm a little concerned that we jump the gun and keep trying to reduce the amounts that we're putting out for increases," he said. "But I think the longer term – in terms of creating a better community and better opportunities – is going to require some investment."

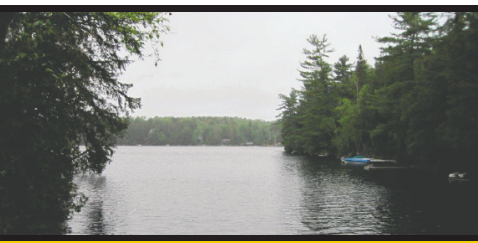
Reid pointed out that the 2013 budget is using 89 per cent less reserves than the previous year's budget.

Blanchard told councillors that additional money might be available due to a four per cent reduction in the education rate.

"Obviously we have to operate on our own... but if you wanted to take a look at the rate and the impact, we'd have some room in there," she said.

The budget will be reviewed at council's Feb. 14 meeting.

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Highlander news

Councillors clash over pay raise

By Will Jones

Discussions at the regular Dysart et al council meeting became animated when the subject of a pay rise for the very people sitting around the table, the councillors, was brought up during a presentation on the draft municipal budget.

Susan Norcross, Ward 4 councillor, broached the topic stating that when the rates of pay had been discussed 12 months previous council had agreed to freeze their salaries on the proviso that they take another look at them in 2013.

"We are paid less than the other townships and we've had no incremental increases over previous years," she said. "We are always using the other townships as a guide or benchmark when determining the cost of user fees and the likes so I think we should consider that when looking at our pay and have a raise."

Reeve Murray Fearrey was not in agreement but seeing that there were mixed feelings in the room he opened the topic up for debate, giving each of his council colleagues a chance to voice their opinion.

"Times are tough both locally and nationally and so I can't support an increase in our own pay when others are struggling," said Bill Davis, deputy reeve.

"We didn't have a raise last year and if we say no again I'm worried that we'll fall too far behind," countered Andrea Roberts, Ward 1 councillor. "I support a gradual increase, say 1.5 per cent."

Walt McKechnie, councillor for Ward 5, was more reticent. "I feel that I'm well-paid. We all work on a lot of committees in addition to our regular meetings... but when you do the math it is pretty good money. Everyone else is hurting and whether we give ourselves one per cent or 10 per cent, people won't like it."

Dennis Casey, Ward 2 councillor, was uncomfortable with the process itself.

"I don't like sitting here talking about giving myself a raise.

Can't it be tied to a nationally calculated cost of living or some other benchmark? Give the way we are compensated some transparency so that people understand it and we don't have to deal with our own wages."

Ward 3 councillor, Steve Pogue, agreed.

"I think we should bring back the bylaw that was originally repealed in 2005, whereby our salaries were set according to the Consumer Price Index. This would take the decision out of our hands; council wouldn't have to be put in this awkward position and the CAO would simply adjust our compensation according to the CPI."

Reeve Fearrey agreed and a proposal to set councillors' pay rates according to the CPI in the future has been tabled for the February meeting of Dysart et al council.

Other financial matters addressed in Dysart's preliminary budget for 2013 included increases in building permit fees and property taxes, staff pay raises and requests for financial assistance from outside organizations.

Councillors voted to approve a 1.5 per cent pay raise for non-union staff, in line with that negotiated by the Canadian Union of Public Employees for its union affiliated members. The move represents a \$12,000 impact upon the budget.

Building permit fees are set to rise in 2013. The current fee of \$0.50 per square foot for a dwelling will rise to \$0.60; commercial properties will go up from \$0.65 to \$0.70; industrial will rise to \$0.60 from \$0.55; accessory buildings will go up from \$0.35 to \$0.40 while renovation permit fees remain static.

The proposed residential property tax rate will rise to \$194.07 per \$100,000 of assessment value, compared with \$186.61 in 2012. This represents a 2.5 per cent increase on levy plus minimal growth.

Requests for financial assistance that are being worked into the preliminary budget total over \$80,000.

Subdivision for Haliburton

Dysart et al council has passed the draft plan for a subdivision of seven houses to be built off of Mountain Street and Ridgeway Road, just south of the village of Haliburton. The planned development is subject to a series of conditions, including zoning bylaw amendments, hydrogeology, stormwater and other reports, an acceptable site plan and the public review process. The plan was first presented to council in 2003 but the original applications lapsed.

Summer ice fees for Dysart Arena

With the completion of works at Dysart Arena, the municipal council has passed a schedule of fees for those using the ice rink. Minor hockey and skating clubs will be charged at \$97 per hour, other rentals \$150 per hour, and adult tournaments will be charged \$175 per hour. HST will be added to all fees. Fees for the minors are consistent with those currently being paid. Other rentals rise by \$15 per hour, while the adult tournament fee is a new addition.

Fire department ups fees

Three new volunteers, Jonathan Hockey, Justine Bourgeois and Katherine Ross are being accepted into Dysart's Fire Department. Changes are also being made to charges imposed for burning violations in 2013. A violation during regulated burning hours will be charged at \$350 per vehicle per hour attending the fire, while the charge will be \$750 per vehicle per hour during a fire ban.



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Dusk Dances Haliburton is seeking a site-specific dance piece created by a choreographer or group from the Haliburton County area for the 2013 program to be performed by local youth. A professional fee will be paid to the choreographer or group for the development, creation and mounting of the performance piece at Head Lake Park in Haliburton, July 18th to July 21st 2013.

Deadline for submissions: February 28, 2013

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Editorial opinion

Black eye

The Stanley Cup was in town for the second time in less than a year.

It was on display at the Minden Community Centre, along with the Calder Memorial Cup, for the 5th Annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. This year, Morrison broke the \$100,000 threshold in funds raised for Community Care Haliburton County.

But back to the cup.

It didn't travel to Minden alone. Phil Pritchard, the keeper of the cup, was on hand to answer questions and tell stories about the trophy, along with several of Morrison's close friends and colleagues from the Hall of Fame.

It was a room full of hockey history, and in an instant of stupidity, all that history was forgotten.

Bill 'Red' Hay was in the middle of his keynote speech, sharing tales from his storied hockey career, when a commotion next door sent the room into confusion.

But that was nothing compared to the pandemonium across the partition.

Tournament participants were gathered on the other side of the room for some post-game refreshments, when all of a sudden a brawl broke out in the middle of Hay's presentation.

Hay tried to continue speaking above the cussing and yelling from next door. The walls of the partition pushed against Lord Stanley's table. Pritchard's eyes must have gone wide as visions of the cup falling to the ground sped through his mind. Thankfully that didn't happen.

And Morrison? Well he stood there astounded that this was happening on this night, of all nights.

Who were these ruffians? Maybe some rough-and-tumble team from outside the

county?

Sadly, no.

When the last blows fell and the crowd began to dissipate, it turned out the instigators were Mindenites.

Let's be clear about something: hockey isn't curling.

In curling, after a match the winning team often buys a round for the losers. It's a relatively tame sport. The opponents can sit down like gentleman and talk about the game, taunt one another and joke around in good spirits.

Hockey, on the other hand, is fast, competitive and physical. Add alcohol to the mix and you've got a recipe for disaster. And for anyone who has spent time in dressing rooms, you know amateur players have already had a few before they get out on the ice... and a few more as they clean up after the game.

The last thing organizers should have done is put these opposing players into a bar right after their match. No one should be surprised by what happened.

That being said, it's no excuse for the ignorant, loutish behaviour that transpired. This was a charity event, not the NHL playoffs. At the end of the game players, should have shaken hands, shared a laugh and moved on.

You wouldn't want these guys in a Sunday-night men's league, let alone a charity tournament.

As the cup leaves Haliburton again, this time it carries with it a shameful and embarrassing story to tell of Minden and some of its residents. They may have been in the fight, but we've all got a black eye.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Utilitarian Haliburton

Like most of the Highlands last week, we got caught up in Pond Hockey Fever. And, in a moment of insanity, I told John Teljeur we'd get him a piper to open the second week's games. You know — The Highlander, piper — we were sponsoring and it seemed like a good idea at the time. This was forty-eight hours before the games were to start.

Suddenly, the credibility of this entire newspaper was riding on our being able to produce a piper at the appointed hour. We could not fail.

It wasn't easy. Most of the pipers we talked to said it was too cold — bad for the pipes, not to mention the pipers. But thanks to the efforts of our irrepressible office manager, a piper who was willing to brave the frigid temperatures was found. Fraser MacDonald was his name; how could it not be?

Mr MacDonald arrived at our office before game time in full dress, and we escorted him to the rinks for the opening ceremonies. Mrs MacDonald came too, I suspect to ensure that her husband remained mindful of the conditions and didn't overdo it by busting one of his pipes or his lungs.

And then he went, sailing down the centre of the ice and back up, to that glorious sound that even the strong wind and the scratching of skates could not keep down. In a moment, it was over, and sadly, in the chaos of the warm-ups, it seemed few were watching, though the appreciative stick-banging of the players afterwards suggested otherwise. The opening ceremonies could do with some additional organization next year.

Another area for improvement is the benefits to local businesses. The Highlander's reporters have unearthed mostly negative feedback in that regard, a major disappointment. While the tournament brought in tourists (and once again showed the amazing community spirit that can be rallied in an instant), it did not bring in many dollars beyond those spent with local accommodations.

The lack of broader financial benefits is

not entirely the fault of tournament organizers. Indeed, it was the novelty of the spectacular vista of hockey on Head Lake that offered the best clue as to one cause of our perpetual difficulty in getting "stay and play" visitors: the chronically-underutilized Dysart waterfront.

With some effort, there could be skating all winter long when conditions permit, evenings too with the help of a few lights. The town could tender for a concession stand so visitors could get a cup of hot chocolate between skates. Maybe there would be lessons at certain times, another reason to bring the family into town. In summer, a dockside restaurant, or two.

The potential for visitor-friendly services and attractions goes way beyond the waterfront. Events and festivals demonstrate people will come when there's a promise of entertainment, shopping or food. How about a patio outside of the Village Barn (rumoured to be in the works), a pop-up café in the middle of Head Lake Park? Can we persuade the Art Hive or a farm shop to take up seasonal residence?

I know, there are a million reasons not to do these things. There are liquor laws and by-laws, liability concerns and financial concerns. The town will say it doesn't have money to groom a rink; that it's not in the business of building business.

But as long as Haliburton Village remains utilitarian in its appearance and activities, so will its visitors, spending as little money and time here as they have to. It will be interesting to see if the streetscape improvements will make a difference. I think they will, but it's only part of the equation; for people to stroll and linger, there has to be more for them to do. Otherwise, like the pond hockey folks, they're unlikely to stick around.

From all of us at The Highlander, thank you to Mr MacDonald for doing us proud.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Photo of the week



Enjoying a day in nature.

Photo by Tammy Nash

Minden Hills keeps roads safe

Dear editor,

[Addressed to Minden Hills council]

We are certain that you receive your share of letters from disgruntled ratepayers so this might come as a shock to you.

We would like to express our appreciation to council and the Minden Hills roads department for their exemplary maintenance of our roads, especially during the winter months when inclement weather creates frequently hazardous conditions on township roads.

We live in the extreme south east corner of Minden Hills and rely on passable roads for access to shopping and, yes, emergency services.

In our six years of residency in this township, we have yet to be disappointed by the crews that keep our roads safe.

Thank You.

Karl and Vicki Braeker
Minden

Bring me more pond hockey

Dear editor,

Having lived most of my life in large cities one of the things that intrigues me about the Haliburton community are the subjects that tweak the interest of the citizenry and evolves into a "letter to the editor".

For me the item that has tweaked my interest this week is the Pond Hockey event and to a lesser extent the letter of my fellow Eagle Laker, Mr. Webber.

I went into Haliburton to take in the pond hockey event. While at Head Lake, Reeve Fearrey dropped by for a chat. He told me that the cost to Dysart would be about \$25,000 and the anticipated return to the entire county would be somewhere in the \$700,000 to \$800,000 range.

Contrast that with the billions in over spending at the federal and provincial governments and the massive debts they are incurring. According to the Economist magazine Canada is the 5th most indebted country in the world.

As for the hockey itself, I thought it was a lot of fun and the teams I watched seemed to be happy and enjoying themselves. What surprised me about the tournament was the lack of spectators and the lack of activity on Highland Street. I think the BIA should give some thought as to whether this is a concern for them and if it is, how to remedy it. My suggestion for next year if we are offered the event is to try and make it more of a family event. Mothers and children are shoppers.

Men are not.

Unlike Mr. Webber I don't have any concern over the event being run by a privately owned for profit company. In the triathlon and cycling fields most of the large events are run by private for profit companies. To my knowledge one of the largest companies doing this is IMG Sports. I believe they were sold for around \$800,000,000 after the founder passed away. They are a large factor in professional golf and the Barclays Premier Soccer League in England.

As for the five companies that Mr. Webber references as not being profiled in the brochure I think this is worth looking in to. It may be that the short timeframe for assembling the event is a factor in this.

The \$25,000 fee may be abhorrent to some taxpayers but it is not nearly as bad as the \$1,000,000 Haliburton County is paying the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation every year for the services they provide. If you are still not convinced that \$25,000 is small change then go to the Toronto Police Services Board website and read the letter dated 10th May 2011, written by the chair to the Premier about policing costs and specifically the costs of the OPP. Oh yeah, before I go, can anyone tell me what my latest price is for an F-35 fighter jet?

Bring me some more pond hockey please.

Peter McLuskey
Eagle Lake

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The Outsider – In the company of men

Have you ever been on a retreat? You know the sort of thing I mean, they are often single-sex events when a group of likeminded individuals get together to express their mutual appreciation of life by getting back to basics, to nature, so to speak.

I have to admit that I'd always thought of this kind of thing as a bit weird until recently, when, as every good journalist must do, I went along to one such gathering for investigative purposes only you understand.

On arrival I was met by the group leader, a gruff-looking fellow with no teeth but a steely eye (two actually) that in one glance told me, "there'll be no fooling around here, matey!"

I was shown to my communal sleeping quarters in a bunkhouse set apart from the main sweat lodge and informed that the afternoon's activity was four hours of meditation out on the frozen lake.

Yay! Thought I.

I could already see clusters of fellow retreaters standing solemnly on the ice and the leader – The Hawk, they called him – hurried me to go join them.

It was a surprisingly contemplative afternoon. Some guys chatted, others preferred their own company; all took time to admire the scenery between stints of staring down eight inch diameter holes, down into the dark waters of the lake itself.

We were called in from the lake when the sweat lodge was fired up to the max and we thankfully stripped off outer layers. Not all layers: there's investigative journalism and then

there's just plain going-too-far! As we thawed out the room filled with stories of the old days, our forefathers, our goals for the weekend and life. Some stories seemed a little hard to believe but then again I'm new to this country and so tales of hardship, of trappers, travelers and times gone by in the Canadian wilderness will always amaze me. I chatted with all of the other guests, some 15 guys, and, as I did I found that we were a ragtag bunch of all kinds. The age range was 17 to 70, the spread of occupations wide – from mechanic to police officer, contractor to author. Our one thing in common, the pails of minnows sitting in a neat row near the door: bought by each of us as sacrificial offerings to the lake.

The room was hot, almost too hot to bear, but The Hawk kept piling logs on the fire. The sweating, it seems, is part of a cleansing process that would go on throughout the weekend. As if knowing that I was quite literally feeling the heat, The Hawk suggested that I be the first to drink the ceremonial liquor, the name of which I didn't catch due to his growly voice. Amber in colour initially, it went black when they added another fizzy liquid. The taste, sweet but sharp, a bit of a kick; it was good, which is as well because we were required to drink liberal amounts all evening.

As the night wore on the storytelling was left to the elders of the group, us younger men content to sit back and learn from The Hawk, Jittery Jimmy and Rough-hands Lyle. And then, abruptly, The Hawk's gruffness returned and he ordered us to bed.

"Breakfast at six sharp, don't be late," he spat, with a stern look in his eye.

With that I retired to my hard bunk; quiet, not to disturb the slumbers of fellow retreaters, wondering how they could sleep so soundly on these uncomfortable beds. But seconds after my head hit the board (I'd forgotten there was no pillow) I was asleep. In hindsight I attribute the ease with which I drifted off to the ceremonial liquor, all fifteen glasses of it.

The weekend progressed much as that first afternoon had. Days of meditative contemplation out on our lake or a bigger one nearby – a different vista, a different eight inch hole refreshes the mind, it seems – followed by evenings of talk and instruction amidst the heat of the sweat lodge while imbibing more of the amber liquor.

I left on the Sunday afternoon feeling a little giddy, not quite knowing whether I was high on rejuvenation or still feeling the effects of the ceremonial liquor. Before I bid my goodbyes to fellow retreaters though, I did draw The Hawk aside and ask what that drink was called, and, if there was a name for our meditation style. He glared at me like I was crazy and growled: "Rhumncowk an' iysphishynn, you dozy English idiot!"

I went on a retreat of a different sort – quickly – as he roared what sounded like more obscenities but which I took to be some form of tribal farewell chant.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *What is the best Valentine's gift your man can give you?*



Darlene Reil
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A trip someplace warm. We have been married for so long and we have never gone anywhere warm together, and this winter has been cold.



Nancy Hunter
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I can't say what I really want so I'll go with this. To come home to a clean house, the laundry done, and a special romantic supper ready for me.



Wanda Mole
Halls Lake

We met on a blind date and have been married over 40 years. Maybe a trip to Bora Bora and to share our love with the family on a trip to Florida.

Alison Curtis
Gooderham

To cook me a romantic candlelight dinner and do the dishes afterwards and while he does the dishes I can relax in a hot bubble bath. That would be great.



Elaine McBride
Loon Lake

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Photo by Lisa Harrison

The bridge at County Rd. 21 and Wallings Rd. in Haliburton.

Critical Haliburton bridge up for replacement

By Lisa Harrison

Among the county public works department's budget items this year are replacements of the bridge on the critical west-end entry route to Haliburton and a culvert on the entry route from the south.

The Wallings bridge is the crossing point for County Rd. 21 from Minden over the waterway connecting Head and Grass lakes at the village's west end. The culvert is located on County Rd. 1 just south of Gelert.

For the bridge, the department has budgeted reserve funds of \$190,000 and submitted an expression of interest for \$1.7 million in provincial infrastructure funding for the necessary studies and construction.

"We've had it in our mind's eye for quite awhile," says public works director Doug Ray. "It's one of those structures where we really want to expand on the pedestrian and active transportation offerings we have in that area."

Ray says the bridge doesn't require immediate replacement and some interim work can be done on it. However, some small cracks have begun in part of the structural support at the west end and cracks in the concrete decking have allowed salt to enter and slowly corrode metal rebar. The deck was overlaid with asphalt a few years ago to delay decay.

If the county receives the provincial funding, studies would begin this year and construction would ideally begin in 2014, says Ray.

"It takes a while to get ready for these things."

Construction would leave at least one lane open and a temporary bridge is an option, says Ray. "We'll try to plan it so we can keep two lanes open."

The 42-year-old corrugated steel Gelert culvert has rusted through completely in some places due to gravel erosion from floodwaters, which have also weakened the support structure around it, according to Ray.

"The top starts to sink down and next thing you know the

load is crushing it."

Ray says the work is best done at the low water mark in late summer/early fall, but consideration of the tourist season and school bus traffic would mean late spring. The department will watch the water mark closely to determine the best timing.

There are also environmental issues to consider, including minnow preservation. Ray says the department has already contacted the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, will touch base with the local fisheries and use a strainer on pumps.

Council approved development of a request for proposals in January. It will allow one to two days of road closure during construction, but Ray says the successful bidder may opt to keep one lane open.

Replacement of the culvert is budgeted at \$225,000 from the bridge reserve.

The 2013 county budget, including roads items, was approved at a special council meeting Feb. 6.

Highlander news

Province to sever and sell Frost Centre property

By Lisa Harrison

The province has received county permission to sever the historic Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre property in Algonquin Highlands preparatory to selling a portion of it.

The county granted the Infrastructure Ontario (IO) request for an exemption allowing property severance at council's Jan. 23 meeting.

Located on Highway 35 south of Dorset, the Frost Centre opened in the mid-1940s as a forest ranger training school and eventually became a natural heritage training centre. It was named for the Honourable Leslie M. Frost, premier of Ontario from 1949 to 1961.

The province closed the centre in July 2004 to much opposition,

including a protest at the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) offices in Minden.

The centre has remained a focus of interest in the community.

"The government is not putting a for sale sign on the Frost Centre," said Warden Carol Moffatt in answer to questions from councillors about the process.

Also reeve of Algonquin Highlands, Moffatt said questions are being asked at both the county and township levels to determine how the process will develop.

"Algonquin Highlands has expressed an interest in just asking some more questions," she said. "There is not going to be a for sale sign on the Frost Centre any time soon. They have a number of extensive studies that need to be undertaken...so no need to panic just yet."

In its request, IO reported it had circulated the 40-acre property under the provincial realty disposal process but no government or agency had expressed an interest in the built-up portion.

According to IO, the province plans to sell a 19-acre parcel fronting Hwy. 35 that contains the buildings. The retained 21-acre parcel to the east will be transferred to the MNR and will merge on title with Crown lands to the

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Carol Moffatt

Reeve, Algonquin
Highlands



Photo submitted by Carol Moffatt

Postcard of the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre, believed to be circa 1970s.

north, enabling access to the retained lands. The boundary between the two parcels will be confirmed by survey.

Planning director Jane Tousaw said the province plans to remove the buildings, but the future purchaser will be responsible for obtaining required approvals for site redevelopment and reuse.

Moffatt told council the township has a land use permit with the MNR for land trail use on the property to be retained, and the offices leased by the township for Haliburton Highlands Water Trails management are located on the property to be severed. Both items are included in current discussions with the province.

Moffatt said later she has already begun receiving comments about the proposed sale, from hopes the township will purchase the property to insistence that tax dollars not be wasted on it.

Municipal authorization for use of the severance exemption is required as a component of the Infrastructure Ontario Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process, which requires municipal support for the use of the exemption when it is used for the purposes of creating new parcels for disposition to an entity not related to government.

Dysart's roads need \$4 million makeover

By Will Jones

Over the next six years parts of some 60 roads, totaling 49.8 kilometres, will need major repairs, the cost of which could come in at over \$4 million.

These are the findings of a Road Needs Study carried out by external engineers for the municipality of Dysart et al.

The municipality contracted Greer Galloway Group in 2006 to conduct a visual survey of the state of public roadways within the municipality and it retained the firm in 2012 to update that study.

The firm's findings state that Dysart et al will have to spend

an average of \$650,000 per year for the next six years in order to maintain the overall good condition of its roads. It goes on to note that an average of \$800,000 per year would be required to improve the condition of the municipality's roads. This expenditure does not include routine maintenance, nor any pre-engineering or geotechnical investigations required.

The roads identified as those with the greatest need of immediate work include Wigamog Road, Boughner Road, Gates Road, Park Street and Cranberry Lake Road, the last of which includes a bridge and will hopefully be financed almost totally by a provincial grant.

The study concludes that the municipal roads network is

generally in good condition, with a few notable exceptions. It states that the current capital roads program has maintained the overall condition of the roads network but has been below the level required to make significant progress in improving the overall state of the roads.

"The study is extremely useful in identifying where we need to focus our efforts in the coming years," said Brian Nicholson, director of public works. "It isn't carved in stone, we can and might do work elsewhere, but we will aim to use the study's recommendations as a guide to where we spend our money first."

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Notice

The Council of the Township of Minden Hills will consider amendments to the following By-laws, scheduled to be considered for passing at their regular Council meeting on Thursday, February 28th, 2013 at approximately 10:00 am in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden.

- 12-87 Fees and Charges Bylaw
- 12-25 Water Service Fees (Minden)
- 12-26 Sewage Service Fees
- 12-33 Water Service Fees (Lutterworth)

Full details can be found at
www.mindenhills.com on the Notices Page or
File Pro at <https://haliburton.civicweb.net>
Copies of the amended schedules are available upon request.

Notice of Meetings

The residents of Minden Hills are invited to attend the following Public meetings:

Tuesday February 19 - at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden Hills Council Chambers for the 2013 Budget deliberations.

Thursday, February 28th - at 10:00 a.m. Minden Hills Council Chambers – Council, at this regular meeting, will consider the passing of the 2013 Cemetery Budget and the 2013 Township Operating Budget.

Public Skating

At the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena
**Wednesdays and Sundays
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm**

February 2013 Schedule & Sponsors
February 10 - Minden Firefighters Association
February 17 - Minden Pharmasave

Official Plan Update

Notice of Draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA 9) and Open House for the Township of Minden Hills

Public are invited to attend an Open House with the Planning Committee to review and discuss the draft Official Plan Amendment. The Open House will be held on:

- Friday, February 8th, 2013 from 6 pm to 8 pm; and,
 - Saturday, February 9th, 2013 from 10 am to 12 noon
- Location – Room Number 2 - Community Centre, 55 Parkside Ave., Minden

Please note that a concurrent Amendment, referred to as OPA 8, is also under consideration by Council. This Amendment deals with development on lands accessed by private roads. If approved, OPA 8 would be integrated with the Official Plan Update. If you cannot attend the Open Houses but would like to submit comments for Council consideration or would like further information regarding this project, please contact Ms. Elinor Kernohan at the Township 705-286-1260 x206, e-mail ekernohan@mindenhills.ca or Mr. Chris Jones of Municipal Planning Services (705) 796-8771 or e-mail chris_mplanningservices@rogers.com.



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To sign up contact the Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator
Laurie Carmount 705-286-3763

Quilting Workshop

Saturday February 9, 2013
1pm to 4pm in the Common Room
Instructed by Barbara Lichty

This workshop is a fun afternoon of creating table toppers while learning how to work with striped material and borders. Workshop is designed for beginners, intermediates and advanced. Barb Lichty is a member of the St. Jacobs Quilt Guild. Cost \$15pp.
Call the Agnes Jamieson Gallery
705-286-3763 to sign up.

Minden Hills Museum

**Exhibition: The Eaton's Catalogue:
The Rural Department Store
January 12 – April 06, 2013**

In 1884 Timothy Eaton released the first Eaton's catalogue. By 1896 the corporation's mail-order department was dispensing over 200,000 orders a year. Particular attention was placed on those Canadians who lived in the more rural areas of the country, not unlike Minden. This exhibition runs in conjunction to the January exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery that looks at the art of the Eaton's Catalogue. The Museums will be showcasing artifacts from the Eaton's Catalogue and also compares similar artifacts to those pictured in the book.

**R.D. Lawrence Place
Exhibition: The Coyote
January 14 – April 06, 2013**

Sightings of coyotes have been an increasing concern in populated areas. This exhibition looks at some of the key issues of living with coyotes and how many of these conflicts can possibly be avoided. Exhibits will focus on coyote identification, skull formations and the recent research that suggests the hunting and trapping of coyotes is not the solution to this growing problem.
A lecture on this exhibit will be announced.

Fire Calendar Winners

Week of January 28
Linda Hamilton and Ron McKelvey

Meetings and Events

February 8

6:00 – 8:00 pm, Open House for Official Plan Amendment, Minden Community Centre, Common Room

February 9

10:00 am - 12:00 noon, Open House for Official Plan Amendment, Minden Community Centre, Common Room

February 14

9:00 am, Committee of the Whole meeting, Minden Council Chambers
(public session 10:00 am)

February 16-18

Family Fun Weekend, Check our Information Page for more details

February 18

Family Day - Administration Offices CLOSED

February 19

7:00 pm, Public meeting for 2013 Budget deliberations, Minden Council Chambers

Winterfest Minden

It's that time of the year again and Winterfest Minden is back! Get ready for another great weekend of family fun on **Sunday Feb. 17 through Family Day, Feb. 18.**

Sunday's activities include another curling fun day at the Minden Curling Club (call Lynda Litwin to register at 705-457-8511) and the 6th Annual Chili Competition starting at 3:30pm at the Minden Community Centre. Come out for Public Skating sponsored by Minden Pharmasave from 12:00-2:00 and stay to cheer on and support Highland Storm Minor Hockey. At 3:30 enjoy a short recital by The Minden Figure Skating Club followed by Dawson's Game, an exhibition hockey game played in memory of Dawson Hamilton. Celebrate Family Day on Monday with the Haliburton County Fair Board's most excellent pancake breakfast from 8 to 11am at the Community Centre. After breakfast come outside and join in the fun with a Snowball Slo-pitch Tournament: to pre-register contact Craig and Tammy Smith at 705-286-3013. At the arena enjoy men's hockey or join in on Shinny or Public Skating on Sunday afternoon.

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Highlander business

Resort will not repeat internships

Continued from page 1

"We just utilized them one time in the summer," he said.

Of the five Mexicans Chavez said worked at the Pinestone over the summer, three returned to Mexico at the end of September while two remained at the resort until November.

While the source said there were people laid off in the fall as a result of this program, Hans Jahr, financial controller at the resort, said that is not the case.

"Nobody was laid off," he said.

The interns were put up at the hotel, with rent deducted from their wages in accordance with labour laws, according to Jahr.

"We just have them here on a temporary basis for the summer, not to replace anybody, but to support operations during the summer and to have international exposure," Chavez said.

There are an additional two foreign workers who are employed in the kitchen, hired specifically to develop a menu for the resort's Mexican-themed nights.

"They are not here to take any jobs," he said.

Chavez said he put ads in both the newspapers and radio looking for help before the summer, but was unable to fill all of his positions.

"We don't have the qualified individuals in town," he said. "Sometimes they don't want to work. We struggle to hire the proper staff."

Jahr said in the summertime a lot of the resort's staff are kids of cottagers and not full-time residents.

"We are looking for people now to hire over the summer," he said. "Unfortunately what we have in terms of work environments is the opportunity to work evenings and weekends and few people like to do that."

While the internship program was beneficial to the Pinestone, Chavez said he won't be doing it again this year. He said these types of programs are common in hospitality, but they don't



Photo by Ashley Campbell

The Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre brought in foreign interns to meet labour needs.

work as well in small communities.

"I think we are putting the Pinestone in a very tough position because it's a small community," he said. "I didn't request to follow up with this internship next year."

But according to Jahr, the Pinestone shouldn't be faulted for looking outside of the country for employees.

"One of the functions that we have in the account department is that we pick up the mail and process the mail for the resort," he said. "Do you know how many applications we receive on a weekly basis on average? About zero."

"If there is a criticism to be levied against the Pinestone with respect to hiring foreign workers, I would counter that by saying: who's applied?"

According to Jahr, the Mexican interns were paid at least minimum wage and their wages were not subsidized by either the Canadian or Mexican governments.

At Sir Sam's Inn, manager Chris Stichnothe said he doesn't have a hard time finding quality employees, but that could be

due to the smaller property.

"A lot of our staff in the summertime are some of the cottagers that are spending the summer here," he said. "Then we have some staff that are year-round as well."

Although Sir Sam's has not hired Mexican student interns, they do have one employee from Mexico who has been with the inn for three years, he said. The employee's work visa has been renewed, allowing him to stay on year after year.

"For him it's worked out well, [and] he's worked tremendously for us," Stichnothe said.

Andrea Hagarty, owner of the Bonnie View Inn, added that she has over 300 resumes on her desk for the summer and has been turning people away, but if no one was answering her help wanted advertisements she would consider foreign interns as well.

As of press time, Vrancor Hotels Group have not returned The Highlander's request for comment. The two remaining foreign workers were not available for comment.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

We are currently seeking Aggregate Price Lists for 2013

From qualified suppliers to provide aggregate materials to the Township of Minden Hills, Roads Department.

Interested parties are invited to submit a Cover Sheet which is available for pick up at the front counter of the Administration Office along with a detailed price list indicating the various aggregate products and locations in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "**Aggregate Prices**" no later than Tuesday, February 19, 2013 by **12:00 noon** addressed to the following:

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Attention: Mr. Kevin Hills, CRS-S, Road Superintendent

Tenders are scheduled to be opened at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in the Administration office, second floor boardroom.

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Please contact Kevin Hill, CRS-S Road Superintendent at
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We are currently seeking Tenders for Truck and Equipment Rentals for 2013

From qualified Truck and Equipment owners who are interested in working for the Township of Minden Hills, Roads Department.

Tender Form documents are available for pick up at the Finance Department front counter of the Administration Office, 7 Milne Street, Minden or can be obtained from our website at www.mindenhills.ca

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LHIN unsure of endgame

By Matthew Desrosiers

Health Links continues to be an unknown factor in the integration process Haliburton health care service providers began last month.

The Health Links program is a Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care initiative and was one of the drivers behind the new integration process that started in January between Haliburton and City of Kawartha Lakes.

Deborah Hammons, Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) CEO, said the purpose of Health Link is to look at the high user population and find better ways to manage them.

"Those patient populations are actually costing the most money to manage," she said, adding that 42 cents of every government dollar is spent on health care. "If we look at those and we can do a better job of managing that population, we'll have an impact on the cost of the health care system which is a good thing."

Hammons, however, could not explain how Health Link will work and what exactly the program – cited as one of two reasons for integration talks – will do.

"We're in the midst of mapping out our entire LHINs [and] how many Health Links there are going to be. The idea is the entire geography of the province will have Health Links."

There are currently 19 Health Links in the province, including Peterborough, she said. The prerequisites to being a Health Link are a minimum population of 50,000; 65 per cent of the population must be linked to a physician; and the family health teams, hospitals, community care access centres and specialists in the area must voluntarily participate.

While these groups come together and plan their local Health Link, how their goals will be executed is still unknown.

For Haliburton service providers, once the integration process is complete, they will be asked to become a Health Link, Hammons said. However, even the Central East LHIN is unsure exactly what that will look like.

"We don't have all the answers," Hammons said. "There are 19 early adopters across the province. We're having meetings regularly. We're sharing information and we're learning as we go along."

In the meantime, the integration planning process is underway between Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes to find opportunities to offer more streamlined services and be more efficient. The intention is to become a Health Link of their own once the integration process is complete, but they don't have a clear vision of the endgame either.

"It's kind of a leap of faith," she said. "The government has decided to move on this. They don't feel they can wait any longer to move on the cost of health care."

Hammons said integration looks at how to put the pieces together from their funded organizations, while Health Links looks at patient experience.

"There's learning that's going to happen as these tables cross over each other," she said. "It sounds a little messy but we do really know what we're doing. We're making sure all the players at the table are talking to one another. They understand the direction they're taking."

The Central East LHIN attends the planning meetings along with the service providers, including Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), SIRCH and Community Care Haliburton County. They have also posted for two facilitator positions to assist with number crunching and report-writing.

Varouj Eskedjian, HHHS president and CEO, estimated the fees for these facilitators would range between \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Hammons said the LHIN has no goal or benchmark they are trying to achieve in terms of cost savings during the integration process.

"We'll know [we've been successful] by services that can be increased, by duplication that's been removed and patient satisfaction that's been improved."

Money that is saved through the integration process will be recycled back into services within the community, she said. That means if money is saved in back office work at HHHS for example, that money will go towards adding to services within Haliburton County.

The City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County are receiving \$562,500 in funds from the Small Rural Northern Hospitals Transformation Fund to assist with the integration process.

DYNAMIC INDIVIDUAL WANTED

Highlands Performing Arts is looking for a Project Coordinator for their Rural Performing Arts Symposium project. This 3-day symposium, scheduled for April, 2014, will explore the challenges facing rural performing arts presenters, producers and creators through workshops, lectures and a showcase of live performances.

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Applications must be received by Feb., 17, 2013

Dental hygienist opens her doors

By Matthew Desrosiers

Don't let bad teeth keep you down.

Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow, a registered dental hygienist who runs a personal clinic here in the Highlands, is opening her doors to young Highlanders who need someone to look at their teeth.

On Feb. 16, Kinsman-Ludlow is participating in the Gift From the Heart Campaign, not to be mistaken with SIRCH's same-named Christmas fundraising campaign, out of her DEAR Carolyn Dental Hygiene Studio.

The campaign is an opportunity for people to come and get a free assessment of gums and teeth, an oral cancer screening and a cleaning, she said.

"What I've found from working in the area for the last several years is that most of the people in the area accessing dental care are the older age groups," Kinsman-Ludlow said. "In the three practices that I've belonged to, there weren't a lot of school-aged children seeking preventative care."

Kinsman-Ludlow is targeting patients 21 and under. "I would really like to have a preventative chat with the school-aged group because what's new out there is oral cancer [and it's] more prevalent in ages 20-24," she said. "It used to be... men over 50 that smoked were our target

group. Now it's ages 20-24."

She said it's important to have this talk and conduct the non-invasive oral cancer screening because there are many risk factors.

But oral cancer isn't the only problem she's seen lately. "One of the things we're seeing, because we're keeping our teeth a little longer, is more clenching or grinding," she said. "It's nice to talk to people as they're younger before they get into those stressful years where they might be doing that kind of damage to their mouths and explain to them what their options are and give them an idea what to look for."

The best way to avoid having tooth or mouth issues is to be aware of the potential problems and learn how to prevent them, she said. The more common problems she's seen in the Highlands are cavities and gingivitis.

"Most of these things are painless until they are to an advanced stage, so that's why prevention is important."

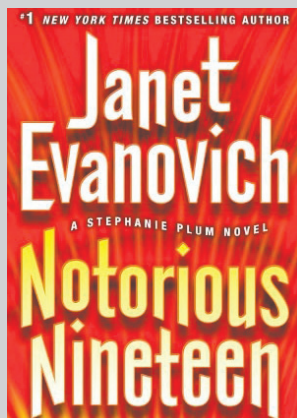
Each patient will be booked for up to an hour. She hopes to see between seven and 10 patients. If she doesn't have enough patients under 21, Kinsman-Ludlow said she would open the day up to older patients.

For more information or to book a free appointment, call 705-489-3336 or e-mail dearcarolyn@bell.net.

Highlander arts

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.



HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Notorious Nineteen* by Janet Evanovich
2. *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci
3. *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay 🇨🇦
4. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce
5. *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* by Donna Morrissey 🇨🇦

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
2. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *The Ravenous Brain: How the New Science of Consciousness Explains Our Insatiable Search for Meaning* by Daniel Bor
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦

Janet Evanovich is back with a new addition to her outrageous Stephanie Plum chick-lit/mystery series. *Notorious Nineteen* follows our heroine Stephanie Plum, a New Jersey bounty hunter, on her latest adventure.

This time, Stephanie finally finds herself on an assignment that could put her cheque book in the black. She must track down Geoffrey Cubbin, a man facing trial for embezzling millions from Trenton's premier assisted-living facility, and who has mysteriously vanished from the hospital after an emergency appendectomy. The problem is, Cubbin has disappeared without a trace and rumour has it that perhaps he never

actually made it out of his room alive.

Since the hospital is tight lipped and it is hard for Stephanie to blend in among the assisted living patients, Grandma Mazur goes in undercover. When a second felon goes missing from the hospital, however, Stephanie is forced into working side by side with Trenton's hottest cop, Joe Morelli, in order to finally crack the case.

If you enjoy funny and upbeat mysteries, be sure to give Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series a try, starting with *One For The Money*. We have the entire series available in a wide selection of formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

If you are interested in joining a book club but don't want to be bogged down by set times and locations, you'll be glad to hear that the library now has a 24/7 online book club. Visit our website for information on how to join (www.haliburtonlibrary.ca).

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Highlander sports

Haliburton scores with pond hockey championships



Photo by Mark Arike

Two athletes arrive at Head Lake for a day of hockey action.

By Mark Arike

For the past two weekends, games of shinny dominated the ice on Head Lake in Haliburton as well as the pond at the Pinestone Resort.

Now that it's all over, those who were part of the 2013 Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships are giving the event glowing reviews.

"I think it was outstanding," said Neil Lumsden, executive director of the event and representative of J-Core Marketing. "The real test is the players and the team... as we continue to get feedback on Facebook and e-mail, they were just blown away by the event."

The participants were equally as impressed by the efforts of the volunteers, said Lumsden.

"If people are proud of their community, they need to be proud of the volunteers who represented them these past two weekends because the players loved them," he said.

The event, which was previously held at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville, was hosted by J-Core Marketing and organized by John Teljeur along with the help of dozens of volunteers.

In order to properly gauge what players thought of the event, Lumsden said a survey will likely be distributed within a month.

"It would ask some specific questions, such as how they like the two sites versus one, the shuttle set-up... just get a sense of what they thought and get some viable feedback that might be able to help us."

Ice conditions are often challenging, however Lumsden said a "phenomenal" crew kept the rinks up to par.

"Sometimes when it gets brutally cold in a short period of time, the ice responds. But again, I'm reminded by the players all the time that this is pond hockey; it's not supposed to be perfect."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey worked alongside the committee that put on the event and volunteered each day.

"They [the athletes] said this was a very

friendly community," said Fearrey. "The feedback was all positive."

The volunteers also responded positively to the event, he said.

"Anyone who volunteered thought it was fantastic."

Haliburton County Warden Carol Moffatt stopped by to check out the action on both weekends and talk to organizers.

"I thought they did a great job for the limited amount of lead time they had," said Moffatt. "I know there was an awful lot of people who put in a lot of long hours and long days."

When asked about the economic spinoff from the event, Moffatt said it should be looked at "from an overall county perspective."

"It's great for the county's exposure; we had thousands of people here," she said.

Although Moffatt believes that the Pinestone Resort, its staff and "a few folks in downtown Haliburton" were the main beneficiaries, she said that any money coming into the county is good money.

"It may be only small, incremental advantages but I think we have to count them."

Moffatt's brother participated in the event and preferred the set up at the Pinestone over Deerhurst.

"They were very happy," she said.

According to Teljeur, 1,380 players participated in the tournament over the two weekends and may have brought with them between 200-300 family and friends.

Although nothing has been put in writing, Lumsden hopes to bring the event back to the Highlands next year.

"From my perspective, it's a great spot," he said.

This year's event received \$10,000 from the County of Haliburton and \$10,000 in matching funds from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC). The funds were used for facilities, equipment rentals and ice maintenance.

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Above left: Miriam Katerberg (left), Julie Katerberg and Paula Waram bundled up and ready to watch some pond hockey. Above right: Shaun Arbuckle of the Belleville Lumberjacks gets in some practice before his team's game while spectators gather for the game.

Spectators get close to the hockey action

By Mark Arike

There wasn't any seating on the ice but you could still find spectators scattered around the rinks during the two weekends of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in Haliburton.

Residents Dan and Roberta McCombe were out at Head Lake to observe the players and the action.

"Obviously, they're having fun," said Dan. "The entertainment value is good and they're competitive."

The couple didn't notice any fights or arguments break out between players or officials.

"I don't think that's what they're here for," he added. "They're here for the competition, camaraderie – and the beer."

Roberta was equally as impressed by what she saw.

"I hope more people come out and watch it," she said, adding "that would be great for the shopkeepers, too."

The tournament brought back memories of days gone by for spectators like Haliburton resident Murray Austin. He recalled playing pond hockey with his friends on Head Lake as a young boy.

"Our mothers used to have to come down

here to get us to go home at night when we were playing hockey and skating," said Austin. "We had a lot of little ponds and marshes we'd clean off and play on."

In those days it was "the thing to do," he said.

"People come out to these things now, and I think it's kind of a novelty... but there's a lot more people around."

Although there didn't seem to be many spectators around, it's hard to determine just how many were in attendance, said John Teljeur, event chair and coordinator.

"With a site so big, you could have a couple of hundred people watching it but you wouldn't see that there's anybody there," he said.

Teljeur said several families came down to the ice and some brought chairs with them.

"It isn't the same kind of spectator sport that hockey is because you're glued to one focal point."

Getting more spectators out to next year's event will be a priority, however there aren't any "conclusive" plans at this time, said Teljeur.

There was no admission fee to the tournament.

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Highlander sports

Winning streak continues for snowcross racer

By Warren Riley

Haliburton's Izac Reid continues to impress the world of Snowcross Racing with his outstanding winning performances.

With family in tow, Reid and his red #699 Polaris travelled to Cochrane, Ontario and then on to Rouyn Noranda, Quebec.

"Over the Christmas break, we extended the practice track in our field but unfortunately due to the lack of snow I was not able to use it much," said Reid.

"The Canadian Snowcross Racing Association (CSRA) Cochrane Gold Cup on Jan. 12 and 13 was held in Cochrane and with temperatures hovering around seven degrees

[Celsius] with drizzle for the race, I had to be extremely careful. This caused the tight technical track to be soft and quite rough. I earned a second place plaque in the Novice 2 class on Saturday which was very special to me because I was able to show my abilities to my aunt from Australia for the first time."

It was on the road again for the Reid family; this time to Rouyn Noranda and the CSRA International Grand Prix on Jan. 19 and 20.

"The temperature dropped to a frigid -38 with the wind-chill factor," Reid said. "It was very important to make sure every bit of my skin was protected from getting frostbite. The cold temperature made the track fast and hard. I earned a third in the Novice 2 division and a third in the 14-17 year-old Junior F2 class."

On Feb. 2 and 3 Reid attended the Amsoil Kawartha Cup in Lindsay.

"The weather was perfect," he said. "I had a good day at the Motos, but unfortunately my throttle cable broke and I had to miss my finals. Sunday was amazing for me where I placed in the top three of the Novice 2 finals. Winning third place sent me to the

podium where I had to answer questions from the spectators. That was really exciting and a first for me."

This weekend (Feb. 9 and 10) Reid is racing in the Royal Distributing Cup and will be receiving his plaques.

"I'll be hanging them proudly in my race trailer. I really look forward to these races as I will have my friends at this venue as Lindsay is close to home."

The temperature dropped to a frigid -38 with the wind-chill factor.

Izac Reid

Snowcross racer



Photo submitted by Paula Reid

Izac Reid (left), third place, and David Solecki, second place, at the Amsoil Kawartha Cup.

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Highlander sports



Morrison tournament breaks \$100k milestone

By Warren Riley

The Stanley Cup was back in Haliburton this past weekend, as Scotty Morrison's Charity Hockey Tournament celebrated over \$100,000 raised for Community Care.

"I'll tell you what has really made this tournament,"



Photos by Ashley Campbell and submitted by Walter Tose

Left: Former Calder Trophy winner Bill 'Red' Hay stands by the trophy at Scotty Morrison's cocktail party on Feb. 1. Above: The Bone Thugs are this year's Open Division Champions at the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. They defeated the Dump Bears 5-2 in the finals.

Morrison said. "There's no question about it. It's the total support we get from the business community. I would think we will do exceptionally well and in fact I am positive we will really exceed our \$100,000 net to Community Care over the five years of the tournament. Having fun; that's what it's all about. We are extremely pleased and everyone seems to have had a lot of fun."

The event opened with a cocktail party at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Feb. 1.

"The difference this year was a cocktail party Friday night with Bill Hay as the guest speaker and Phil Pritchard, keeper of the Stanley Cup and the Calder Trophy. Saturday night we had two games for the high school alumni."

On Feb. 2, two games were played by high school alumni teams, a new feature for this year's tournament.

"I wanted to do something that would really kind of get the locals involved. In terms of players, we ended up having about 68 or 70 players wanting to play. So what we did was have a draft and even then there was only supposed to be one game. We ended up organizing two games. I had NHL officials Brian Lewis, Ron Wicks, Ray Scapinello and linesman Bob Hodges officiating. It was just great."

Having players of all ages in the tournament was heartwarming for Morrison.

"It's seeing the older groups, the 55 plus still playing the game. It was as if they were still in their teenage years. And that's what hockey is all about."

Minden cleans up at Bonspiel

Submitted by Steve Robson

On Jan. 25 and 26 the Minden Curling Club hosted its 52nd Annual Winter Mixed Bonspiel.

The 16 entries included teams from Port Perry, Whitby, Uxbridge, Brampton and Minden Curling Club, most of which are repeat entries.

The two-day spiel began on Friday night with two draws and concluded on Saturday with four draws and the finals. The event was capped off with a banquet.

Thanks to club volunteers Jack and Winn Taylor, Jim and Marian Gillanders, Dave McKay, Pat Woodcroft, Iain Kay and Joyce Nilsson, Judith McNielage, Dave and Vickie Tranter, and Steve and Audrey Robson.

The "A" division Jug City Trophy winners were the Minden Curling Club team of John Sloan (skip), Pam Weiss (vice), Mark Weiss (second) and Susan Sloan (lead).

The "B" division Heat-Line Freeze Protection Trophy was won by the Minden team of Ray Kidon (skip), Janet Kidon (vice), Ron Bobbie (second) and Joanne Bobbie (lead).

The "C" division Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty Trophy winners were the Minden Curling Club team of Scotty Boyd (skip), Jane Boyd (vice), Bert Kennedy (second) and Jayne Kennedy (lead).

The "D" division Coneybeare's Butcher's Shop Trophy went to the Whitby team skipped by Rob Warren, with Casey Warren (vice), Ian Conn (second) and Joan Conn (lead).

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Great success for mixed bonspiel

By Warren Riley

Curlers from across Ontario attended Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel and described it as a great success.

Coordinator Bob Johnston has been involved with the bonspiel, which took place from Feb. 1 to 3 at the Haliburton Curling Club, for 20 years but has also enjoyed being involved with other community events.

"I ran a golf tournament for a few years and also ran one of the night curling draws," he said. "But I like doing things for the curling club."

"The bonspiel started as the Haliburton Winter Carnival Mixed Bonspiel. It has had different sponsors over the years. Phyllis Woodcock has sponsored the second event basically since inception, but our other sponsor is Subway Sandwiches."

Promoting the event involves dedication and Johnston is involved with notifying previous curlers and teams wishing to participate.

"We send flyers out to all the clubs at the start of each year and I e-mail indications to all the people that have been to the bonspiel over the last couple of years. And of course word of mouth from the other clubs, talking to their friends and just having good times."

This year's bonspiel included 18 mixed teams from as far as Oshawa, Milton, Burlington, Huntsville and Richmond Hill. There were local teams as well.



Photos by Warren Riley

Top left: The Todds Independent Mixed 'A' Division winners left to right, Craig Thomas, Kim Thomas, Gerri Faggion and Lois Faggion. Top right: The Phyllis Woodcock Event Mixed 'B' Division winners left to right, Bob Johnston, Kim Lewis, Tyler Warham and Candy Robinson. Above: The Subway Mixed 'C' Division winners left to right, Bob Smith, Karin Smith, Sabine Parks and Guy Parks.

"Each team was guaranteed three games and we also had a dinner and a dance on Saturday evening, with the playoffs following on the Sunday," Johnston said. "The finals [were] also held on Sunday with the eight teams being piped onto the ice by a local bagpiper. All in all it [was] a weekend of fun, good curling and highland hospitality."

Highlander environment

No pass for Land Trust on tipping fees

Council won't set precedent for service groups

By Mark Arike

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust will have to pay if they want to drop off old building materials to the Scotch Line landfill.

In a 5-1 vote, Minden Hills councillors decided against waiving tipping fees for the non-profit organization at a Jan. 31 regular meeting of council.

A letter to council from the Land Trust revealed there are two derelict buildings on the property near the entrance to the Dahl Forest that should be removed for public safety. The Dahl Forest is a 500-acre nature reserve that is owned, managed and protected by the Land Trust.

"The Land Trust would like to remove the buildings so that they are no longer a danger to the public," states the letter. "We have found someone who will do that for a

reasonable fee and will also recycle a lot of the building materials."

The letter explains that building materials, such as shingles, would need to be removed and taken to the landfill.

"Our financial resources are limited and not having to pay the tipping fees would allow us to do the work as soon as possible. We would not have to wait until we fundraise enough to pay the extra landfill fees."

Councillor Brigitte Gall was first to address the organization's request.

"What the Land Trust does is quite critical to us as a county in terms of species at risk and protecting the environment and wildlife, and they do bring a considerable number of people into the community by way of their tours and lecture series," said Gall, pointing out that the municipality routinely supports other non-profit and charitable organizations in the community.

Councillor Larry Clarke said that council would set a precedent if they were to waive the tipping fees.

What the Land Trust does is quite critical to us as a county.

Brigitte Gall

Minden Hills, Councillor

"I think we have to abide by our rules on this one," said Clarke. "We would be setting a precedent in regard to any service groups."

At first, Councillor Redpath agreed with Gall, but changed his mind when it came time to vote.

"I think this is a very small ask," he said. "I for one would feel quite comfortable in supporting it."

Councillor Lisa Schell also felt council should avoid making a precedent-setting decision.

"There are lots of businesses and non-profits in the municipality that do good work," she said. "This is a small amount, and I appreciate that. However, if someone else comes in later with a large amount, how do we say, 'No, you have to pay.'"

The township's environmental and property operations manager, Ivan Ingram, recommended that council deny the request.

"Revenue will amount to \$400 in tipping fees and an additional \$145 revenue for scrap metal," he said. "These amounts are included in the anticipated revenue line for the 2013 Scotch Line landfill budget."

Group campaigns for Rotary Beach cleanup

By Will Jones

A representative of the Friends of Haliburton Head Lake Waterways asked Dysart et al council to support his drive to clean up the beach on Head Lake and have it opened in the Summer of 2013.

"I don't come asking for money," said Stuart Henderson. "What I want from council is the guarantee that it will open the beach and put out the docks this year."

He went on to outline a plan to raise funds to employ a person to pick up goose droppings and use a dog to deter the geese from the area surrounding the beach by hosting a video dance in the community, and through HCDC

funding.

Reeve Murray Fearrey commended him on his passion for the project but stated that he could not guarantee that the beach would open because it was down to the Health Unit whether the beach and water were fit to use.

Bill Davis, deputy reeve, added that the sand bar that has built up just off shore has created an area of stagnant water around the beach, and that without its removal there would always be a build up of bacteria.

"After the flood of 1993 the sand bar has altered the water flow from the river mouth," he said. "Changing this would mean dredging the sand bar and we won't be able to get permission to do that. Unfortunately, the beach is a health risk. It has an E-coli count that is not desirable

for a public beach and that's why it is closed."

Henderson expressed his disappointment and stated that he has the support of the local community.

"We all need to work together to make it happen," he said.

The reeve acknowledged his desire to see the beach in use again.

"Don't you think that we'd all love it if the beach were open, if we could do it we would. However, there are too many unmanageable natural factors working against us, from migratory waterfowl to water flow patterns. I'm sorry but we can't commit to something that we don't think is possible."

—The Computer Guy— Internet safety

The very concept of Internet safety is almost an oxymoron these days.

It seems like not a day goes by where we don't hear about some new kind of threat aimed at wreaking havoc across machines connected to the Internet.

Anti-Microsoft sentiment coupled with the massive installed base make Microsoft products, and particularly Microsoft Windows, an irresistible target for hackers and "script kiddies". In recent years, products like Adobe Reader, Java, Flash, Firefox and more have come under attack as their popularity has increased. Even the Macintosh is no longer invulnerable.

Here are some things you can, and should, do to stay safe.

Use a firewall. A firewall is a piece of software or hardware that sits between your computer and the network and only allows certain types of data to cross. For example, a firewall may allow checking e-mail and browsing the web, but disallow things like Windows file sharing.

If you're connected to the internet through a router, then you already have a type of hardware firewall preventing random networking-based external threats from reaching your computer(s).

Scan for viruses. A virus scanner will locate and remove them from your hard disk. A real-time virus scanner will notice them as they arrive, even before they hit the disk, but at the cost of slowing down your machine a little, and occasionally even interfering with other operations.

Important: because new viruses are arriving every day, it is critical to keep your virus definitions up-to-date. Be sure to enable the scanning software's automatic-update feature and have it do so every day.

Spyware is similar to viruses in that they arrive unexpected and unannounced and proceed to do something undesired. Spyware can be relatively benign from a pure safety perspective, as it might "only" spy on you. But that's enough.

The good news is that, like virus scanners, there are spyware scanners that will locate and remove the offending software.

I'd wager that over 90 per cent of virus infections don't have to happen. Software vulnerabilities that malware exploits usually already have fixes available by the time the virus reaches a computer.

The problem? The user simply failed to install the latest updates that would have prevented the infection in the

first place.

The solution is simple: enable automatic updates in both Windows and applications, and visit Windows Update periodically.

To be blunt, all of the protection in the world won't save you from yourself.

Don't open attachments that you aren't positive are OK; attachments are one of the most common ways that malware spreads.

Don't fall for phishing scams. Be skeptical. Phishing is a common way that online accounts are hacked into.

Don't click on links in e-mail that you aren't positive are safe.

Don't install "free" software without checking it out first – many "free" packages are so because they come loaded with spyware, adware, and worse.

And of course choose secure passwords and don't share them with anyone.

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By David Spaxman

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IN MEMORY

In loving memory
Ken Sawyer - Feb. 12, 2008

Five years have come and gone Ken, since you've been gone.
But everyday little things spark your memory.
Some times they give us a chuckle and some times a tear.
We sure miss you Ken, we will keep you in our hearts forever.

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OBITUARIES

Herman Poppe

(Formerly of Wilberforce, Ontario)

Peacefully at his residence on Saturday evening, February 2, 2013 in his 70th year. Beloved husband of Heather Poppe (Cruikshank). Loving father of Michael and his wife Paula of Donald. Fondly remembered by his grandsons Ethan & Owen. Dear brother of Rita of Toronto and Guy (Carol) of Aurora. Also lovingly remembered by his niece and nephew.

Private Visitation & Graveside Service

A private visitation was held. A Graveside Service will be held in the spring. Interment later South Wilberforce Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.



Kenneth Young

(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)

Peacefully with his family by his side on Wednesday afternoon, January 30, 2013 in his 93rd year. Loving companion of Barbara Fudger of Wilberforce. Loving father of Marion (Steve) and Kenneth Jr. (Shirley) all of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Monica (Dan), Greg, Paul, Patrick (Bernie), Margaret (Dean), Kenneth (Marilyn) and Kevin (Sue) and by his many great grandchildren. Dear brother of Edna and Jo. Predeceased by his many brothers and sisters. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Ken worked for General Motors for over 30 years. He enjoyed carpentry, gardening and would help those in need.

Private Remembrance Gathering & Reception

A Private remembrance gathering & reception was held. As expressions of sympathy, donations to South Wilberforce United Church or Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. # 118 Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.



Anna Sicoli-Nichol

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with her family by her side on Sunday afternoon, February 3, 2013 in her 59th year. Wife of Bob Nichol for over 30 years. Loving mother of Andre and Rosanne. Predeceased by her parents Giovanni & Maria Sicoli. Daughter-In-Law of Robert & Edna Nichol (predeceased). Loving sister to Jim Sicoli (Marlene), Frank Sicoli and Dean Sicoli (Lori). Predeceased by her sister Emma Sicoli-Laipnieks. Fondly remembered by her brother-in-law Hugh Nichol (Stephanie) and Peter

Laipnieks. Aunt to Lisa Bonnell (Carlo), Johnny Sicoli, Anton Laipnieks, Thomas Nichol, and Curtis Nichol. Great Aunt to Luke & Emma Bonnell. Anna will also be remembered by her Aunts, Uncles and Cousins back in Sault Ste. Marie, Edmonton, Victoria, Italy and France. Anna was an extraordinary teacher for over 30 years. She was an active member of St. Anthony's Of Padua Roman Catholic Church, Past President of the CWL and volunteered at the Haliburton 4C's and many other organizations.

Visitation, Mass of Christian Burial & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday afternoon, February 8, 2013 from 4-7 p.m. CWL prayers will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the CHURCH OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA 27 Victoria St. Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, February 9, 2013 at 2 o'clock. Rev. Patrick M. Dobec presiding. Spring interment Parish Cemetery. Reception to follow in The Community Room at the Funeral Home. As expressions of sympathy, donations to St. Anthony Of Padua Roman Catholic Church or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.



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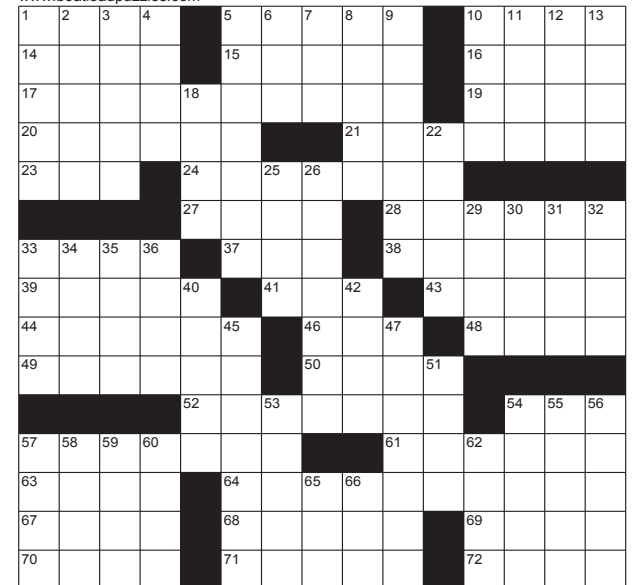
FEBRUARY 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
The Haliburton County Folk Society presents The Once - Minden United Church, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Tickets are available at The Photo Shop in Haliburton and Organic Times in Minden.	Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941		Country Music Jamboree - S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$7.00.
7	8	9	10
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	St. George's 74th Annual Pancake Supper - Haliburton Legion Hall, 5 - 7 p.m. \$15 per family, \$5 adult, \$3.50 children 6-12, under 6 is free! All proceeds go to community outreach.	Fantastic Folded Flower Workshop presented by The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild, Stanhope Community Centre, 9:30 a.m. Call Pat Stiver at 705-489-3751.	Community Care Diner's Club Seniors' Lunch - Minden United Church, 12 p.m. Call for reservations, 705-754-1711. Thurs., Feb. 14 - Sat., Feb. 16 - 2013 Gore Provincial Curling Championships. Games start at 12 p.m. on Feb. 14. Award ceremonies at 3:15 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 16.
11	12	13	14
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 2013 Gore Provincial Curling Championships	Canadian Blues Legends presents Ken Whiteley - Dominion Hotel, 8:30 p.m. Haliburton & District Polar Bear Challenge - Haliburton Frost Festival, 1:00 p.m. All proceeds go to the Sick Kids Eye Project. 2013 Gore Provincial Curling Championships		
15	16	17	18

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) Bid Euchre, every Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, every Wednesday, 7 p.m. Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon - 2 p.m. Cribbage, 1-3:00 p.m. Bid Euchre, every Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, every Wednesday, lunchtime	Ladies Darts, every Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Radio Club, every Friday, 10 a.m. Fish & Chips, every Friday from 5-7 p.m. Darts, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. NFL on the big screen, every Sunday (food available), 12 p.m. Open every Saturday from 12-5 p.m. Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, every Friday, 1:30 p.m.	Jam session, every Friday, 7 p.m. Meat draw, every Saturday, 2 p.m. L.A. Breakfast, Sunday, 9-12 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Bring your sweetheart and come dance the night away at our Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 9th! No cover and great music provided by DJ Pat Casselman.
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ACROSS

1. Scrape roughly
5. More certain
10. Bad mood
14. Norway's capital
15. Treasure ____
16. Morse or ZIP
17. Receptive to new ideas (hyph.)
19. Prophetic sign
20. Planter
21. Most orderly
23. High explosive (abbr.)
24. Gave medical aid to
27. Actor ____ Connery
28. Building cement
33. Stocking mishap
37. Waterless
38. Scanty
39. Narrow boat
41. School gp.
43. Bangkok natives
44. Daisylike flowers
46. Great wrath
48. Argument
49. Small hound
50. Skirt length
52. Breakfast foods
54. Snoopy, e.g.
57. Eminent conductor
61. Provoke
63. She, in Marseille
64. Clarify with an example
67. Snout
68. Minimum
69. Individuals
70. Consider
71. Snaky letters
72. "Wish You ____ Here"

DOWN

1. Bird's perch
2. Colorado resort
3. Frozen rain
4. Small lake
5. Mixed
6. Coffee server
7. Fisherman's pole
8. Happening
9. Restores the honor of
10. Aberdeen native
11. Alaskan port
12. "Beware the ____ of March"
13. Camping need
18. Citi Field players
22. Add to the family
25. Marshal Wyatt ____
26. Whenever is convenient
29. Football cheers
30. Golf hazard
31. India's continent
32. Breather
33. Strike-breaker
34. Astronauts' gp.
35. Industrious insects
36. Exits
40. Construct
42. Opera highlight
45. Antiseptic
47. Registers
51. Doesn't exist
53. Acting parts
54. Journalist ____ Sawyer
55. Water mammal
56. Silly ones
57. Repair
58. Burn reliever
59. Or ____!
60. Appear
62. Cawing bird
65. ____ Vegas, Nevada
66. Employ

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Last week's puzzle solutions

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Fun Fact:

Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil.

Highlander events



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Live entertainment at the Bistro

Dylan Ireland and Missy Payne entertain patrons at Hali's Bistro in Haliburton on Feb. 1. For information on upcoming performances at Hali's Bistro, contact the restaurant or visit their Facebook page.



Dorset Snowball rolls into town

By Lisa Harrison

The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival will bring winter fun and frolic to Dorset again on Feb. 15 and 16.

"It's all the same tried-and-true stuff," says Melissa Alfano, Algonquin Highlands recreation programs supervisor, about this year's line-up. "People love tradition, so we're sticking with that."

Events and activities include the Friday night family skating party (or dancing inside if weather is poor) and on Saturday the parade, face painting, minnow races, stone-carving workshop, snow sculptures, fire hall open house and ice water rescue demonstration, wildlife caller, bird of prey show, chainsaw carving, broomball, snowshoe races, hockey and more.

Also returning is Snow Snakes, an ancient local tradition in which players shoot long, colourful sticks along a 100-foot snow track with the winner shooting furthest. The sticks are pointed at both ends and resemble snakes when they rise and fall as they slide.

The mini snowmobiles have been retired, but there are still horse-drawn wagon and RE/MAX hot air balloon rides as well as a Gyroscope zero-gravity ride and Body Zorb balls to roll around in.

This year the Princess Pageant becomes the Prince and Princess Pageant at the request of the boys. Entry forms are available at the centre.

Entertainment includes karaoke, the Trulee Odd Show, and Junkyard Symphony performing in the Junkyard Jam with garbage cans, other "instruments" and the audience.

Visitors won't go hungry with food offerings such as the all-day pancake breakfast by the Muskoka Shrine Club Hillbilly Unit (add hot dogs and sausages at noon), the Lions Club's hot apple cider and peameal bacon on a bun, and snow-made maple taffy.

More than 2,000 brochures will be mailed out shortly to residents in Algonquin Highlands communities and neighbouring Muskoka municipalities. Brochures will also be available at the recreation centre, 1051 Main St. in Dorset.

Visit the Snowball website at www.dorsetsnowball.com for more information.

Haliburton Rotary Club prepares for charity auction

By Matthew Desrosiers

Get your paddle ready: it's time to bid.

The Haliburton Rotary Club is hosting their 27th annual charity auction this Saturday, Feb. 9, and the tables will be full of items for every bidder.

Rotarian Brian Menton said sports enthusiasts will be excited by the items available for bid.

"We have a fairly significant amount of stuff," he said.

Hockey fans can bid on Toronto Maple Leaf game tickets or tickets to an Ottawa Senators game against the Buffalo Sabres where Cody Hodgson will be in action. There are also Toronto Raptors and Blue Jays tickets available.

Fans of the 80s will be excited to bid on tickets to a Bon Jovi concert later this month in Toronto, while art lovers won't be disappointed, either.

Auctioneer Mike Jaycock will run the

live auction, however there will also be a silent and loonie auction going on at the same time.

To add some drama and excitement to the evening, Menton said there will be a Dutch auction, where items start at a price and slowly work their way down until someone bids. Bidders will have to gamble on how low the price can get before they lose their item.

"If you wait too long, you won't get it."

Proceeds from the auction are split between the Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) and the Rotary Club's local projects. A portion will also be used to support an international project.

The cocktail party begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. with the auction to follow. Tickets are \$25 and available at V&S or Shopper's Drug Mart.

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Superbowl parties

Above: Patrons enjoy the game and grub at McKeck's Tap & Grill. Right: McKeck's server Meghan Didier, right, poses for a photo with visitor Klayton McAllister and his friends during Super Bowl Sunday. McAllister was celebrating his 34th Birthday.



Photos by Mark Arike

Spotlight shines on Dark is Our Danger

People couldn't resist moving and grooving to the soulful sounds of Dark is Our Danger (pictured at top: Greg Luck, Ryan Dawson and Cedric Butz, pictured above) on Feb. 2 at the Rails End Gallery. The evening concert included a blend of original funk, blues, rock and psychedelic music. About 50 people were in attendance.



The lady traveller

Cruise wave season is in full swing with deals galore so if a cruise is in your plans now is the time to make your choice. I had mentioned in a previous article that buying a cruise based on price alone would not necessarily give you the best value or experience. I have cruised on most of the major lines over my years in the travel business. Cruises are like hotels in that they come in different categories and are priced accordingly. There are mass market cruises, premium cruises and luxury cruises and even sub categories within those major ones.

Previously, I had described some of the optional things you may pay for. What I wanted to illustrate here is that when making your choice you need to look at what is included in that base price and what still must be paid for. I was given a chart and I used it when explaining price versus value. It shows why buying luxury was often better value in the end and not necessarily costing more. I would like to share this chart with you. The prices are from a previous year but the comparison is based on real prices that were taken from cruise line websites and

Cruising – value vs price

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CRUISE LINE:	REGENT	HOLLAND AMERICA	CELEBRITY	PRINCESS
Ship	Seven Seas Mariner	ms Noordam	Equinox	Ocean Princess
Sail Date	8/9/2010	8/2/2010	9/2/2010	9/1/2010
Embark Port	Venice	Rome	Barcelona	Rome
Disembark Port	Athens	Rome	Rome	Athens
Cruise Length	7 days	7 days	7 days	7 days
Ports visited	8	6	6	7
Number of Guests	700	1,918	2,850	688
Suite size (sq ft)	301	389	379	216
Category	Dlx Balcony Suite H	Sup Veranda – SY	Sky Suite – S2	Balcony BE
Cruise Fare	\$5,550	\$1,999	\$3,799	\$1,999
ADDITIONAL FEES				
Port Charges	Included	\$48	\$156	\$16
Air, surcharges & tax	Included	\$2,010	\$1,329	\$1,908
Airport/Port Transfers	Included	\$178	Included	\$113
Shore Excursions	Included	\$695	\$556	\$695
Gratuities/Service chrg	Included	\$77	\$81	\$70
Beer/Liquor/Wine	Included	\$201	\$201	\$201
Bottle Water & Pop	Included	\$81	\$81	\$81
Alternative Dining (3 nights)	Included	\$60	\$90	\$60
TOTAL COST	\$5,550	\$5,253	\$6,292	\$5,142
Cost per day	\$793	\$750	\$899	\$735

Note: The amount for Shore Excursions was based on the same excursions that were included in the Regent rate.

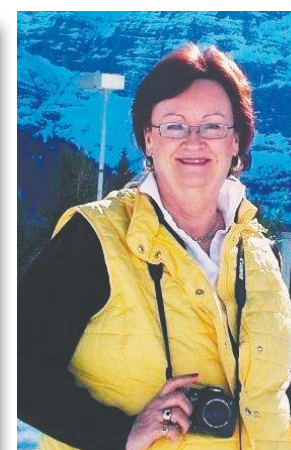
Note: The amount for Liquor was based on \$25 p.p./day + 15% gratuity. Water & Pop were based on \$10 p.p./day + 15% gratuity.

reservation centres.

This comparison will show you that if you were prepared to buy one of the premium lines like Celebrity, Princess or Holland America, then you could get more value and a better quality cruise by buying a luxury cruise like Regent. Look at the comparison

and see where it fits your plan and budget. You need to consider the total cost before deciding.

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By Carolyn Pawson

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For my next article I will be nowhere near water. I will take you to Switzerland and one of my favourite places in the heart of the Swiss Alps – Lauterbrunnen. I am on vacation there until Feb. 25. I will be visiting Zermatt

and Northern Italy as well so I will have lots to share when I return. Think chocolate and cheese and incredible mountain views!

Please contact me with any questions or comments. Let's talk! I can be reached at ladytraveller@haliburtonhighlander.ca

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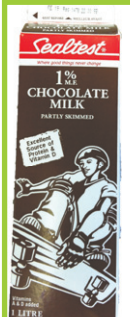
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